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The Honorable Kevin J. Martin  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: RM-11348

Subject: Cyren Call Communications Proposal

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing you on behalf of West Suburban Consolidated Dispatch Center (WSCDC) and the police and fire departments that we serve. Our agencies serve 90,000 residents and respond to 90,000 emergency incidents each year. We are located adjacent to the City of Chicago on their western border.

In 1996, public safety identified the need for 97.5 MHz of additional spectrum to meet the communications needs over the next ten years. The largest amount of the spectrum was anticipated for uses with advanced wideband and broadband equipment. To date, the FCC has allocated only 24 MHz of narrow band spectrum to public safety users in the 700 MHz range.

WSCDC strongly supports your recent recommendation to allocate 30 MHz of additional spectrum in the 700 MHz range. State and local government agencies need wide-area, mobile broadband communications capability and improved interoperability. Broadband networks should be built and maintained to meet public safety requirements, not just commercial needs. Congress and the FCC should take steps to ensure that 30 MHz of additional spectrum is reallocated and assigned to a public safety broadband trust for the benefit of public safety communications.

Sincerely,

Gregory T. Riddle  
Executive Director